

HUSBAND

Born EMIAH ROBEY SPRINGER
 Chr. LYDIA ROSETTA BIGLER
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WIFE'S FATHER
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS Jeremiah (Jerry) Robey Springer was born November 17, 1878, in Midway, a son of Nathan Chatmond and Matilda Robey

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large room and filling this hole with water and clay. This mixture was allowed to soak overnight. Next morning, the mixture was transferred to a large wooden box which contained an apparatus referred to as a "dolly." The dolly actually was large mixing blades. The mixing device was powered by horses that plodded around the large box in a manner similar to old-time threshing of grain.

As the mud was being mixed, workmen would prepare wooden molds that were dipped in water and then in red sand. When the mud mixture was at the right consistency, it was taken from the mixing box, put into the wooden molds and leveled. These raw brick were then stacked with air space between each brick. Among the piles of brick, fire boxes or trenches were built, running about two feet apart. Fires were built in these trenches and kept burning continuously for three days and nights, or until the bricks were dry.

Indicative of the hard work involved in making brick is this note from the books of Henry Van Wagoner. Mr. Van Wagoner kept the time of his employees in a note book, and wrote after the name of one man: "One very, very hard day's work for Henry Van Wagoner for only two dollars."

The Midway brick yards operated for many years, furnishing materials for such buildings as Wasatch High School which was built in 1912; homes such as the Nelson's by the railroad tracks, Bonner's, James Ritchie's in Charleston, Streets, George Johnson's and Colleman's. The Henry T. Coleman home built by John Watkins is said to be the first brick house built in the valley.

Some of the more prominent brick makers through the years have been David Provost, Theophilus Epperson, Amos and Lawrence Epperson, Louis Colleman and H. Luke Provost.

BLACKSMITHS in Midway

Shoes for horses and oxen, wagon and buggy tires, sharpened and tempered, plow shares and drifts and picks were just a few of the essentials needed by early settlers of Midway. For these necessities they looked to the blacksmiths of the community.

Fires of the huge forges would often glow late into the night and the anvils would ring as the blacksmiths worked to keep the farmers ready for another day's work. Services were usually paid for in produce, exchanged labor or whatever means of exchange was most readily available.

Those who were most prominent in the trade in Midway included Henry Alexander, Joseph Neilson, John Wright, Henry T. Coleman, Robert Krebs, Samuel (Sam) Hair, Robert Ross, Ernest White, J. R. Springer and William Gibson. Mr. Gibson operated the last blacksmith shop in the community.

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Other community residents furthered their education by attending evening lectures given by prominent individuals. One such lecturer was a Professor Clegg, an English phrenologist who settled in Heber.

Many of the talented young people in Midway took advantage of state colleges or Church schools in other areas to further their training. Some of the first to leave home to attend college were John, Mary and Emma Huber, the eldest children of John Huber, who was secretary of the school board. They went to Provo where they attended the Brigham Young Academy. Jacob Probst also attended there. Jerry Springer, Reese Clayburn and Nymphus Watkins were some of the first to attend school at the Utah Agricultural College in Logan, where they were naval cadets.



Jerry Springer, Naval cadet at Utah Agricultural College in Logan about 1900.

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Springer. He married Lydia Rosetta Bigler on November 9, 1904, at Heber. The marriage was later solemnized in the Temple.

Lydia Rosetta Bigler was born June 12, 1881, at Tuba, Arizona, the daughter of Jacob Arnold Bigler and Pauline Ott Bigler.

Jerry Springer spent his youth in Midway, except for a sojourn while very young in Mexico with his father, who had gone there in the interest of mining. Mr. Springer, like his father, engaged in mining and mining contracting. He spent several years in Park City, Soldiers Summit, and Grass Valley, California, following his trade. He served as mayor and as sheriff in Soldiers Summit. He had a coal business for several years in Soldiers Summit. He was also a good blacksmith. He has made several trips to Mexico on mining business.

He, with Reese Clayburn and Nymphus Watkins from Midway, was among the first cadets at the Utah State Agricultural College in Logan. He was the counselor in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association in the Midway First Ward. He is a member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. He is a generous, honest, dependable man, respected and loved by the people of each community in which he has lived.

The Bigler family moved from Shumway, Arizona, to Mt. Pleasant, Utah, when Lydia was nine years old. It took six weeks to make the trip with teams and wagon. They crossed the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry and traveled over Lees Backbone which was a treacherous journey. Mrs. Springer remembers the water holes at Moen Copping, Arizona, where the Mormons had a woolen mill at one time. While crossing a river during the trip, the team was caught in quicksand and only help from men at Moen Copping prevented a tragedy.

Lydia was visiting in Midway when she met Jerry Springer. They fell in love and were later married. Mrs. Springer was president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association of the Midway Second Ward. She has been a member of the singing mothers, and is a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She has been an active Relief Society member for many years. She is a good mother, a loyal citizen, and a highly respected neighbor.

The children of Jerry and Lydia Springer:
Jay Reed, married Fannie Lyman;
Mrs. Joseph (Lydia Pauline) Erwin;
Beryl Ott, married Tura Holmes;

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Lowell Franklin, married Louise Patrick;
Mrs. George (Amy) Whitley;
Mrs. Dean (Floris) Olsen.



Jerry Springer, Naval cadet at Utah Agricultural College in Logan about 1900.